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## Classes held on break

NKU's first winter intersession draws more than 400 students

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More than 400 Northern Kentucky University students braved the weather and holiday season traffic to attend winter intersession classes from Dec. 20 to Jan. 7. It was the first time NKU offered a three-week intersession class during winter break.

Because of the heavy snowfall and poor road conditions Dec. 22 and 23, classes were cancelled.

"Mother Nature didn't cooperate with us," said Gail Wells, vice president of academic affairs and provost, "but all of the classes were

able to make up the time they lost. Some provided online instruction and assignments."

Each course was worth three credits, and students were allowed to take one class during the break because of the three hours they spent in class and the amount of work required for them.

There were different reasons behind the university's decision to offer winter break classes.

"The intent was to offer classes for students to take when they may not be productive otherwise and be able to graduate in a more timely fashion," Wells said.

"There were not a significant number of students who dropped out," Wells said.

"We're getting very positive comments from the professors who say that the students who were there were very committed to the classes

and getting the work done."

Not everyone shared Wells' positive outlook on the way the intersession went.

Dean of Education, Elaine Jarchow, taught secondary school in film, which was a first time class.

"I enjoyed it very much," she said. "We studied films like 'Dangerous Minds' and 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off,' and made booklets for teachers."

"I think it would be more effective over a longer period of time, say eight weeks or so, spread it out more."

"We're still waiting for the evaluations from students, but I think they appreciated it."

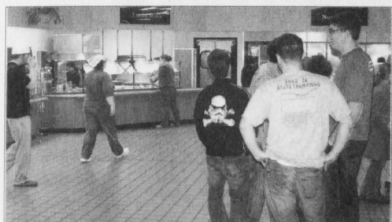
## Chartwells takes over



Mike Brennan | Photographer

Students visit the cafeteria in Norse Commons where Chartwells, who outbid Sodexo, took over this semester as NKU's food service provider.

The current fast food restaurants will still be in operation this semester, except Blimpie, which is now Sub Generation. There could be some replacements made during the summer or fall.



Josh Blair | Photographer

Gov. Ernie Fletcher began his series of 13 forums at NKU where he discussed his new tax plan.

## Fletcher explains tax plan

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Gov. Ernie Fletcher outlined his "Jobs for Kentucky" tax modernization plan during a public forum in the University Center Ballroom Monday, Jan. 10.

Fletcher said Kentucky needs a fairer and simpler tax system.

His plan hopes to create 7,000 new jobs, reduce the income tax for 98 percent of working Kentuckians and increase the tobacco tax.

Fletcher said he proposed a 26 cent increase in the tobacco tax, but would like to increase it even more. "I think it's time that we raised the cigarette tax," he said. "It will help us raise the revenue we need. It will ultimately have some impact on our health."

Fletcher's forum was the first of 13 across Kentucky and his only forum in northern Kentucky.

## Security at inauguration will be high

By FRANK DAVIES  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The first inauguration since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks will lock down much of the nation's capital with "unprecedented security," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced Jan. 11.

An army of 6,000-plus police officers, more than 2,500 military personnel and thousands of Secret Service and other agents from 60 agencies will employ the latest high-tech gear and surveillance to protect the 55th inaugural on Jan. 20.

"Security will be the highest levels it has ever been for any inauguration," Ridge said. "We will have 24-7 surveillance of key inaugural facilities."

While he knew of no specific threats targeting President Bush's second inaugural, Ridge added that an inauguration is "the most visible

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## Experts foresee attack on Internet

By BRIAN KLADKO

The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

Don't say we didn't warn you: At some point in the next decade, there will be a "devastating attack" on the Internet or power grid.

That scenario was deemed most plausible by 1,300 technology experts and scholars in a survey released Jan. 9 by the Pew Internet & American Life Project. Other predictions that drew the most agreement:

- We'll be watched more closely by government and businesses through computing devices embedded in clothes, appliances, cars and phones.

- Most students will spend part of their day in "virtual classes," grouped online

with others who share their abilities and interests.

• And the boundaries between work and leisure will be blurred — in other words, expect to hear from your boss anytime, anywhere.

Although the Internet was technically born in 1969 as a plaything of computer scientists, it only became accessible to the mainstream a decade ago. Since then, it has insulated itself in our daily lives. The handwritten letter has become

quaint, millions of young music lovers have grown accustomed to free music (even if it's illegal), and more than a few marriages have been forged from dates hatched online.

So what's coming in the next 10 years?

Pew, along with Elon University in North Carolina, sought the opinions of people — both in the United States and abroad — who intimately or think

know the Internet about it a lot. About half of them were

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— Former CIA Director Robert Gates

Internet pioneers, having been online before 1993. One-third were from academia, another third were from tech companies or consulting firms and the rest worked for non-profit organizations, publications or the government.

Of the experts surveyed by Pew in the fall, 66 percent agreed that the Internet or power grid would be successfully attacked. Only 18 percent disagreed or challenged the prediction.

Former CIA Director Robert Gates, speaking at a terrorism conference last month, said cyberterrorism could be the most potent weapon of mass destruction and could cripple the U.S. economy.

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The following reports were filed with the Northern Kentucky University Police Department between Jan. 1 and 10.

## Saturday, Jan. 1

**5:48 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated at a high rate of speed on Nunn Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Failure to Produce an Insurance Card and given a verbal warning for speeding.

## Sunday, Jan. 2

**3:37 a.m.** An officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign on Kenton Drive at Carroll Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Disregarding a Stop Sign.  
**8:08 a.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates on Kenton Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration.

**12:13 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated at a high rate of speed on Nunn Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding.

**3:37 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates on Johns Hill Road. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration and Failure to Produce an Insurance Card.

**10:11 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated at a high rate of speed on University Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding and Failure to Produce an Insurance Card and given a verbal warning for disregarding a traffic control device.

## Monday, Jan. 3

**2:28 a.m.** Officer observed a subject acting suspiciously at BP Oil Company on U.S. 27. The officer attempted to question the subject but the subject fled the area prior to questioning. Additional police units were dispatched to assist in a search for the subject. Subject was later located at LaRue Bowling Lanes. The officers recovered a small caliber handgun the subject had discarded. The subject was taken into custody, charged with Fleeing/Evading Police - 1st Degree, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon

and Alcohol Intoxication - 1st/2nd Offense, and transported and lodged in the Campbell County Jail.

**3:10 p.m.** A subject reported a carport had collapsed onto a vehicle parked at 241 Johns Hill Road. Minor damage was sustained to the vehicle. Damage was believed to have occurred on December 23 or 24 due to heavy snow.

**5:10 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated at a high rate of speed on Nunn Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding.

## Tuesday, Jan. 4

**12:40 a.m.** A subject reported subject's unknown had thrown a rock through the window at Norse Hall.

**12:44 a.m.** While on patrol an officer heard shouting coming from Norse Hall. Upon investigation, the officer discovered the source of the noise and found four subjects consuming alcoholic beverages. Three subjects were determined to be under 21, one of which was determined to be a minor. The minor was taken into custody, issued a Kentucky State Citation for Possession of Alcohol by a Minor and released to a parent. Two subjects were issued Kentucky State Citations for Possession of Alcohol by a Minor and released. The fourth subject was taken into custody, charged with Alcohol Intoxication and Serving Alcohol to a Minor, and transported to the Campbell County Detention Center.

**12:18 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle parked at lot N with a forged handicapped parking permit. The driver of the vehicle was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Unauthorized Parking in a Handicapped Space and given a verbal warning for forging the expiration date on the permit. The permit was confiscated and destroyed.

**1:47 p.m.** A subject reported the theft of a 2004 NKU Parking Permit from a vehicle while parked at lot Q on Dec. 18, 2004. The subject was referred to the Parking Office for replacement. The case is under investigation.

**2:59 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration on Nunn Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration, Failure to

Produce an Insurance Card and given a verbal warning for No Operator's License in Possession.

**3:06 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration on Kenton Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration and Failure to Produce an Insurance Card.

**4:06 p.m.** A fire alarm was received from Old Science Building. Officers and Central Campbell County Fire Department responded. There was no evidence of smoke or fire, and the cause of the alarm was determined to be contractors welding in the area. The Kentucky State Fire Marshal was notified by e-mail.

## Wednesday, Jan. 5

**10:44 a.m.** Medical assistance was requested for a subject at 415 Johns Hill Road. Officers and Central Campbell County Fire Squad responded. The subject was transported to St. Elizabeth South for further evaluation and treatment.

**2:49 p.m.** A fire alarm was received from Old Science Building. Officers, Central Campbell County Fire Department and Power Plant personnel responded. There was no evidence of smoke or fire, and the cause of the alarm was determined to be contractors welding in the area. The Kentucky State Fire Marshal was notified by e-mail.

**8:46 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration on Martha Layne Collins Boulevard. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration and Failure to Produce an Insurance Card.

## Thursday, Jan. 6

**8:16 a.m.** A fire alarm was received from Woodcrest Apartments. Officers, Central Campbell County Fire Department and Power Plant personnel responded. There was no evidence of smoke or fire, and the cause of the alarm was determined to be a problem with the ground fault. Power Plant personnel resolved the issue. The Kentucky State Fire Marshal was notified by e-mail.

**9:44 a.m.** The windshield of a university vehicle was damaged by a rock from the roadway while it was being driven.

**3:09 p.m.** An officer observed a

vehicle being operated at a high rate of speed on Johns Hill Road. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding.

## Friday, Jan. 7

**6:44 a.m.** A subject reported University Suites had been broken into by an unknown subject(s). The case is under investigation.

## Saturday, Jan. 8

**1:13 a.m.** A fire alarm was received from Woodcrest Apartments. Officers, Central Campbell County Fire Department and Power Plant personnel responded. There was no evidence of smoke or fire, and the cause of the alarm was determined to be a problem with the ground fault. Power Plant personnel resolved the issue. The Kentucky State Fire Marshal was notified by e-mail.

## Sunday, Jan. 9

**7:51 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration on Nunn Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration.

## Monday, Jan. 10

**11:33 a.m.** A subject reported a minor, non-injury accident at lot L. Both vehicles remained in service.

**1:24 p.m.** A subject reported the loss of a 2005 NKU Student Parking Permit from a vehicle after the vehicle was sold and was referred to the Parking Office for replacement.

**1:35 p.m.** A subject reported damage to a vehicle caused by another vehicle while parked at the parking garage on University Drive. The driver of the striking vehicle did leave a note containing contact information. The case is under investigation.

**1:59 p.m.** A subject reported the loss of a 2005 NKU Student Parking Permit from a vehicle after the vehicle was involved in an auto accident while at an off campus location.

**4:06 p.m.** A subject reported damage to a vehicle caused by an unknown vehicle while parked at lot A. The case is under investigation.

**5:09 p.m.** A subject reported the theft of a 2005 NKU Student Parking Permit from a vehicle while parked at an off campus location and was referred to the proper jurisdiction to file a theft report.

**5:49 p.m.** A smoke alarm was received from University Suites. Officers and Central Campbell County Fire Department responded. Upon arrival there was no smoke or fire, and the cause of the alarm was determined to be a bag of burnt popcorn. The Kentucky State Fire Marshal was notified by e-mail.

**7:33 p.m.** The owner of a reserved parking space at Woodcrest Apartments requested an illegally parked vehicle be towed from the space.

**8:10 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration on Kenton Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration.

**10:14 p.m.** A subject reported the theft of a 2005 NKU Student Parking Permit from University Center. The subject was referred to the Parking Office for replacement. The case is under investigation.

## Tuesday, Jan. 11

**8:06 a.m.** An NKU employee reported finding a purse in the trash. The owner of the purse was contacted and the owner reported the purse had been taken from the listed location. The item was returned to the owner. There are no suspects at this time. The case is under investigation.

**10:12 a.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated without registration plates at parking lot P. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for No Registration and Failure to Produce an Insurance Card.

**2:01 p.m.** A subject reported a purse missing from Old Science Building. The item was later located and returned to the owner.

**2:34 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates on University Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration.

**3:50 p.m.** An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates on Nunn Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration, No Operator's License and Failure to Produce an Insurance Card.

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# othernews

## Students help police in sting operation

Two clerks, one bartender charged with selling alcohol to minors after undercover teenagers buy beer

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The Campbell County Police Department cited two Alexandria retail clerks and a Silver Grove bartender for selling alcohol to minors during the course of several sting operations performed in October and November.

According to Campbell County Police Chief Keith Hill, the availability of alcohol to underage college students is a growing problem in the county.

"They have to have a social outlet," Hill said. "I don't have a problem with them going out and enjoying themselves. My thing is I don't want them going out and being served alcohol in Campbell County, and then because of maybe being intoxicated... a problem

is caused in our community."

In an effort to decrease this problem, Hill conducted a series of investigations at local retail stores and bars. Hill said all seven retail stores in the city of Alexandria were investigated with the help of minors working undercover. His department recruited three Northern Kentucky University students age 18 to 19 to help with these operations.

John Page, 18, was charged with selling alcohol to a minor Oct. 23 after police said an undercover NKU student was able to purchase a six-pack of Bud Light at Parkside Carryout.

A week later, on Oct. 30, a 17-year-old clerk at County Market was charged with selling alcohol to a minor after the same sting operation was executed.

Hill said his department also identified three bars in the county that it believed may be selling alcohol to

minors. These bars were chosen based on complaints from the community, previous investigations and advice from the NKU Police Department.

Maria Canfield, 38, was charged with selling alcohol to minors after police said two undercover NKU students were served beers at the Duck Creek Country Club in Silver Grove.

"I think that the bars are more of a problem just because you can get into the bar because you're 18 years of age," Hill said.

"You have more underage kids in a bar trying to get a drink than you would have at a packaged liquor place."

Hill said he believes the problem is a lapse of good judgment by the vendors but doesn't think it's intentional.

In addition to the citations, Hill notified the Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control of these incidents via e-mail.

Sarah Messmer, a junior at NKU,

said the Duck Creek Country Club is a popular spot for college students and often a location where underage students are served.

Messmer, who turned 21 on Nov. 23, said she believes underage drinking is a problem at NKU.

"I think underage drinking on any university campus is a problem," NKU Police Chief Harold Todd said. "I don't think NKU is any different than any other up-and-coming university."

Messmer said she also believes the numbers are much higher.

"I'd say 90 percent of people who are underage have drunk alcohol,"

Messmer said.

Todd said he hopes these sting operations will reduce the likelihood of NKU students bringing alcohol on campus.

"Anything Campbell County or the local police departments do to decrease underage drinking is going to assist the students on campus," Todd said. "We don't want people intoxicated coming on campus."

Hill said he believes his department's continued efforts will aid the community's problem of underage drinking.

"We're going to continue to check bars on a more frequent basis - more than once a year - to make sure that they continue not to sell," Hill said.

"Next time, they'll think twice about it and take the right steps to make sure it doesn't happen."

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ing a virus, imagine what a sophisticated, well-funded effort to attack the computer base of our economy could accomplish," he said.

The survey left people deaf to what would constitute a "devastating" attack - would it mean millions of people having to forgo e-mail, instant messaging and Web surfing for a few hours, or would it mean human casualties?

"If we include economic devastation, it's inevitable that we'll see a number of companies and industries upended," wrote Alexandra Samuel, a writer and consultant and author of a dissertation at Harvard University about politically motivated hacking.

"If we mean devastating in the sense of directly causing

loss of life or injury, it's much harder to predict."

Intensified surveillance by government or business, and more arrests as a result, was foreseen by 59 percent of the experts. Some said they would welcome that development; others seemed to dread it.

"There will be greater surveillance, probably, greater arrests, maybe. But this is a chilling prospect overall," wrote J. Scott Marcus, the senior adviser for Internet technology at the Federal Communications Commission.

Although many people have been predicting that the Internet would transform much more than a research tool. Nevertheless, 57 percent agreed that most students by

2014 will receive some of their knowledge through videoconferencing or online chats typed out on a keyboard - otherwise known as "distance learning."

The notion that the Internet will alter family life through home schooling and telecommuting drew agreement from 56 percent of the experts.

Harry Jenkins, a professor of literature and comparative media studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, wrote that people are already sensing the changes.

"For the most part," he wrote, "they are very nervous about a world where it is impossible to escape the office and where they face growing competition for their children's attention."

## Inauguration Continued from page one

manifestation of our democracy."

To protect the swearing-in ceremony on the west side of the Capitol and the parade along Pennsylvania Avenue, security teams will use chemical sensors, jet fighter patrols overhead and dozens of bomb-sniffing dogs.

Agents in a sub command center in suburban Fairfax County, equipped with giant plasma screens and three-dimensional maps, will monitor all events.

Many of the plans and tactics were used at last year's national political conventions, the state funeral for Ronald Reagan and the opening of the World War II Memorial.

One innovation is a bomb-jamming device used in Iraq to

foil the detonation of explosives. Army Maj. Gen. Galen Jackman, in charge of coordinating much of the security, said bomb squads, emergency medical teams and even an engineering unit to deal with collapsed buildings will be on standby.

"This is the center of gravity for our country," Jackman said. "We do not underestimate our enemies."

Large swaths of downtown Washington will be closed to traffic, and parking garage use and truck deliveries will be tightly restricted.

Two Metro subway stations will be closed much of the day. The no-fly zone for private planes will be extended to a radius of 23 miles from the city's center.

Many of the major law and lobbying firms along the parade route are cutting back on traditional parties because of anticipated problems for guests and deliveries getting through checkpoints.

Several groups plan to protest Bush's second term, and D.C. Police Chief Charles Ramsey said protesters and other members of the public would have access to the parade route, subject to screenings and searches.

But protest signs cannot be attached to anything that could be a weapon, the Secret Service announced.

No picnic baskets, large backpacks, strollers or umbrellas will be allowed along the parade route.

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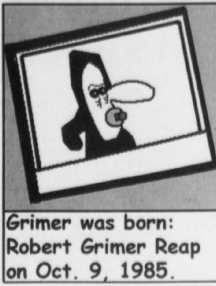
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## GRIMER



by Ricky Glore and Josh Blair

Now he is experiencing life as an NKU student.

Read weekly to see how Grimer and his roommate Nick deal with college life as freshmen at NKU.

(No "Slimboning" here.)

## horoscopes

For the week of Jan. 10-16

By Lasha Seniuk, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

ARIES  
(March 21-April 20)

Business partnerships may this week enter a brief period of intense negotiations. Over the next 7 days watch for new time or financial restrictions. Key officials will be temperamental; if possible, avoid bold public statements or fast explanations. Late Friday a close friend may criticize loved ones, challenge new ideas or ask probing questions. Romantic history, past alliances or complex social dynamics will soon demand detailed description. Don't hesitate: clarity is needed.

TAURUS  
(April 21-May 20)

Close friendships will this week experience minor tensions. Over the next 4 days group loyalty, canceled plans or recent social disappointments may require heated discussion; react quickly to all comments, inquiries or suggestions. A recent stage of distrust needs to fade: expect friends or lovers to express deep feelings and compete for your attention. After Thursday business contracts and financial negotiations work in your favor. Stay focused: there's much to consider.

GEMINI  
(May 21-June 21)

Revised paperwork and new regulations may this week require diplomacy: over the next few days carefully examine money habits and financial obligations. By mid-week new employment proposals demand decision: expect team projects and social acceptance to offer tangible but slow rewards. Some Gemini's may also be asked to act as leader. If so, workplace politics may prove insurmountable. Ask for assistance: your ability to involve others will be appreciated.

CANCER  
(June 22-July 22)

Unique career paths are now intriguing: after Tuesday watch for friends or relatives to reclaim lost business dreams or return to uncompleted projects. Workplace diplomacy will soon provide valuable new beginnings: offer support, guidance and continuing respect. Wednesday through Saturday also highlight unexpected romantic overtures. Someone close may wish to explore new levels of intimacy, trust or affection. Respond with caution: private tensions may be unavoidable.

LEO  
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Colleagues and officials will this week notice your past efforts and personal style: after Tuesday respond honestly to unusual overtures for your expertise and advice. Some Leos, especially those born after 1962, may also encounter fast financial proposals: if so, thoroughly check all facts, dates and figures. Later this week a minor disagreement between friends may quickly escalate. If possible, avoid subtle romantic discussions, social gossip or group speculation.

VIRGO  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Over the next 7 days loved ones may express restlessness, irritation or social isolation. At the same time that long-term relations are deepening, fresh social or romantic attractions may compete for your attention. Remain philosophic and avoid quick decisions: revised information will soon clarify the value of long-term commitments. After Thursday family tensions will fade. Ask loved ones to participate in new social plans or group activities: you won't be disappointed.

LIBRA  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

New business alternatives will arrive early this week; after Tuesday watch for written permissions or uniquely creative contracts. Recently unanswered questions will no longer be bothersome: pace yourself and let others define their own workplace roles. Wednesday through Saturday ancient romantic triangles and strained relations between friends. Carefully consider the needs and expectations of all involved: at present, emotional complications may quickly escalate.

SCORPIO  
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Social disagreements may soon involve family politics, parent-child power struggles or the emotional obligations of loved ones. Over the next 7 days conflicting values, traditional roles and daily duties may be intense topics: remain patient and avoid strong statements. Later this week workplace methods inspire public debate. Friends and co-workers may openly question the wisdom of officials. If so, remain quietly detached: new ideas will not be easily accepted.

SAGITTARIUS  
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Late messages or sudden cancellations may cause tension over the next few days: before mid-week watch for family obligations to be complicated by new social demands. Loved ones are this week easily influenced by public pressure: expect scattered promises and vague responses. Thursday through Saturday mistakes from the past may reappear. In the coming weeks business obligations will expand: expect key officials to verify records, clarify duties and assign new titles.

CAPRICORN  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Travel plans or last minute news may soon be revised: before Wednesday watch for home events to be cancelled or postponed. Be diplomatic: unavoidable circumstances should not be taken personally. After mid-week physical vitality returns: skin, upper chest and throat are accented. Some Capricorns, especially those born early in January, may also encounter a dramatic romantic proposal. Stay dedicated to reliable progress: passions will be high.

AQUARIUS  
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Relatives and friends may this week be restless or easily irritated: over the next 7 days expect subtle criticisms or unusual requests for social clarity. Areas affected are romantic promises, family obligations or disappointing decisions. Restate the obvious and wait for progress: at present, loved ones need extra encouragement. After Saturday rest and enjoy quiet times with trusted companions. A demanding week: avoid confrontation and watch for positive change.

PISCES  
(Feb. 20-March 20)

Workplace confidence is now on the rise: expect difficult assignments to be completed over the next 4 days. Some Pisceans may also be asked to act as team leader or group adviser. Wait, however, for managers or officials to offer direction: this is not the right time to review or criticize past projects. After Friday loved ones may suggest unusual group events: unique entertainment and artistic creativity are highlighted. Remain open: your attitude will be closely scrutinized.

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# newspoints letters to the editor

## Attendance policy unfair

Dear Editor,  
I write this letter in response to the article written in the Dec. 8, 2004, edition of The Northerner, which concerned an amendment to attendance policies that professors will be given the right to drop students from a class if they do not attend class the first week.  
I have never been a fan of the attendance policy. This isn't because I have bad attendance myself, but because I have never agreed with the university having the right to dictate to the students how many times they may miss class without consequence.

The fact of the matter is the students, at large, are the ones who pay the university to attend classes here. If every student that went here had a scholarship that would be one thing. In my mind, then the school would have no right to tell the students when they have to

come to class.  
I work 40 hours weekly, on top of being a full-time student, to be able to pay to come here, and even then I can just barely afford it.

To me, it's my choice whether I want to go to class or not. No member of the faculty on this campus, at least in my mind, has the right to tell me when I have to be here.  
Granted, the amendment is a fair one, stating that those students with extenuating circumstances would be able to avoid being dropped. However, for the majority, it is a ridiculously unfair change. The impressions that I got from the article was that this would help things be more fair and allow students who actually wanted to be in the class to be there.

Let's focus on the registration techniques and fix them - instead of making those students with the least amount of credit hours wait until almost

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none of the classes they want are available.

To me this university has one job: provide the means to get an education and help people grow and learn. Sean Dreeman has one job: to teach and give

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students a good education. They should not be allowed to dictate our attendance. We pay to be here. You don't. This should be kept in mind.

Junior, journalism

## npr norse poll responses

Compiled by Sara Truitt

Where did you buy your books (or plan to buy them) for classes and why?



Tamira Kimbley  
Senior, speech communication

"Off campus. They were \$200 cheaper. That's a big difference."



Kevin Reinhardt  
Sophomore, sports business

"On campus, because I'm on scholarship and that's where I need to get them."



Amanda Walker  
Senior, social work

"On campus. I work at the bookstore."



Mark Regner  
Senior, elementary education

"At the bookstore because it's convenient."



Rico Hill  
Junior, psychology

"Either on campus or off. Off because it's cheaper, on because the off-campus doesn't have it."



Donna Calhoun  
Sophomore, elementary education

"Off campus. They are cheaper."

## editorial note

# SGA is working for students

By ANDY HISSON  
SGA President

On behalf of the Student Government Association, I would like to take this time to welcome everyone back to NKU. It has been an honor and a privilege serving as your student body president, and I am looking forward to a successful spring.  
Some of you may be asking, what has Student Government actually done for me? Last semester we secured \$50,000 in SGA grants to help students in extreme financial need. We worked with the university administration to stop the per-page printing fee. Internally we

passed a new constitution that will be put for student vote on Jan. 19. In association with Follet, we were able to give out \$3,000 in book scholarships. We also hosted a successful Veteran's Day Memorial. The fall semester was spent building relationships with university administration and bringing integrity back to SGA.

Things to look forward to: You will see a very different Student Government in the upcoming semester. We realize that our student body is changing, which is causing our focus to also change.

This semester we will be making a few improvements in the University Center, primarily the

second floor and the information booth. We will also explore converting the entire University Center to support a wireless network. We will be launching an aggressive campaign for multicultural advancement, called Project Diversity. This project will take a look at departments and curriculum pertaining to minority studies.

We will be working with university administration to build sidewalks on the housing area and leading up to the Honors House. We are also working toward increasing funds that are set aside for student organizations by 20 percent (\$56,000 roughly). This is one of the most aggressive

agendas Student Government has ever set, and we need your support. Our first order of business that will require immediate student participation is the Tsunami Relief campaign. In the following weeks you will see areas to deposit spare change. Please get involved! If you have any questions or comments, we would love to hear them. Please contact NKU SGA by calling (859) 572-5149 or stop by UC 308, Tanks, and have a great semester.

Andy Hission began his term as SGA President July 1, 2004 and will continue to serve NKU until June 30, 2005.

# Democrats choose their battles

By STEVE FUNARO  
Staff Writer

The Democrats are at it again. I hoped they would have some sort of New Year's resolution to stop being sore losers, but it seems this year's loss has more bitterly antagonized them. While they cry for the Republicans in Washington state to stop being sore losers over the governor's race (which was decided by 130 votes), they bring conspiracy theories to Congress during the counting of

electoral votes for president. "We are following the rules and we need to live by those rules, and not just call for a do-over because we don't like the results," Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown, D-Spokane, said at The Associated Press legislative press Jan. 5.

So let me get this straight - when your candidate wins, you sit back and let the other side cheer about the recounts. But when your candidate loses, you will keep asking for recounts until your candidate wins.

For those of you who do not

know, it took three recounts until Democrat Christine Gregoire was announced the winner.

On the federal level, people should expect more from their elected officials. Members of the House are often known for their wild and thought-out stances on certain issues, but for a member of the Senate to cross the line and start buying into conspiracy theories makes me shudder.

There was no massive widespread voter fraud in Ohio. Independent investigations have been conducted and found no more irregularities that would

be found in any election. I haven't heard anything from those in Washington, D.C., about the problems in Washington state. Perhaps those same self-defenders of every vote should take a visit to that state and see how many irregularities they find. I doubt that will happen. The Democrats do not care about counting every vote - just the ones for their candidate.

Steve Funaro is a member of the College Republicans at NKU. You can contact Steve at [SFunaro@gmail.com](mailto:SFunaro@gmail.com).

# Consumers paying for trade policies

By PAM SLATER  
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If you shopped at a supermarket last month, you probably experienced severe sticker shock. Prices for many items on the dinner table continued to climb in 2004. Food inflation is expected to increase by 3 percent to 4 percent in 2005.

Food is expensive for a number of reasons, some of which we can control. While we can't do anything about weather conditions and natural disasters that wreak havoc on food supplies, we can do something about price hikes that result from policies made in Washington.

One little-known reason food costs so much is that the federal government "protects" domestic farmers and growers by limiting competition from imports. For example, the U.S. levies duties on many foods from abroad before they enter the country, ratcheting up the prices paid by consumers. Indeed, Americans pay significantly higher prices for many food items than the rest of the world, and despite the abundance of foods in the United States we

have fewer choices than more open markets would provide.

Sugar is a prime example. According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, the price of raw cane sugar in the United States is 109.3 percent higher than the world market price, while the price of butter is 60 percent higher. These disparities are largely due to the extra costs our government forces food importers to pay.

What's worse, a new U.S. policy will add shrimp to the list of foods that are more expensive because of trade restrictions. Primarily because of imports, what was a luxury item a few years ago is now affordable to Americans of every income level. But U.S. shrimpers petitioned the federal government to protect them from imports, accusing six countries of "dumping." The government agreed, and last week it slapped on a new tax on imported shrimp that probably will hike consumer prices.

It is really fair for American families to bear the burden of what is essentially a hidden tax on food? Many consumers can't easily afford to do so. The food tax hits the poorest

Americans the hardest because they devote the largest share of their incomes to food.

This system, of course, has its beneficiaries and defenders. The United States and many other developed countries subsidize their domestic farmers and protect them against imports of efficiently produced, low-cost food products. While reducing or eliminating such trade barriers would be a boon to all consumers, there is a risk that the additional competition from abroad would put some American farmers out of business.

So, what's the answer? The most likely solution for both American consumers and farmers may very well lie within the World Trade Organization, which is currently negotiating the worldwide liberalization of trade in agriculture. Because each developed nation claims it cannot change its policies unless others do so at the same time, the current round of WTO talks aims to coordinate reductions in trade restrictions.

If all WTO member nations were required to eliminate or reduce barriers to food imports, American farmers would gain access to huge markets in Europe, Japan and elsewhere while

American consumers would enjoy lower prices and more food choices. While exports now account for about 25 percent of American farm income, the potential global marketplace is considerably larger.

The U.S. International Trade Commission estimates that if trade barriers on key food imports were eliminated, the U.S. economy would gain \$3 billion annually, and new jobs would be created in industries that process and export food. American consumers need to get their voices heard in Washington if the WTO negotiations are to succeed. Special interests will do everything possible to try to exclude their commodities from any agreement. Consumers need to write to their elected officials, urging them to be an advocate for all their constituents - whether they are farmers or consumers - and support the WTO agriculture negotiations. Bringing down global barriers to food trade will benefit all Americans, more than any trade restriction could.

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• "International Student Coffee Hour" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the University Center main lobby.

### saturday

• Kentucky Symphony Orchestra performance in Greaves Concert Hall at 8 p.m.

### thursday

• FSOs - Full-time and part-time faculty exhibition opens in the main gallery of the Fine Arts Building, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

• Women's Basketball versus Bellarmine University at 5:30 p.m. at home.

• Men's Basketball versus Bellarmine University at 7:45 p.m. at home.

• Martin Luther King Jr. lecture in Greaves Concert hall from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Dr. Henry J. Durand.

• Last day to drop or enter a course with 100% tuition adjustment.

### sunday

• A Celebration of Unity student march to College Hill Presbyterian Church in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Participants are to meet at 5918 Hamilton Ave. at 5:30 p.m.

• Kentucky Symphony Orchestra performance in Greaves Concert Hall at 3 p.m.

### monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No Classes

### friday

• The Northerner is searching for interesting tattoos. They will be featured in the upcoming issue along with a brief interview. The search will be in the University Center lobby from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

### tuesday

• Entries for the "5 on 5 Basketball League" due. Bring forms to the Albright Health Center.

To place an event contact Regan Coomer at 859-572-5859



Artwork provided by Tobias Brauer

Tobias Brauer's work features typographic portraits of his children.

## New faculty's art on display

By REGAN COOMER  
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Northern Kentucky University knows how to make new faculty members feel welcome.

Every year the art department features the newest members of their staff by organizing an exhibition of their work.

Julie Mader-Meersman and Tobias Brauer, two new graphic design professors at NKU, will be showcased in the main gallery of the Fine Arts Building beginning Jan. 13.

A number of her works featured "have to do with books and the alphabet and communication at their core," Mader-Meersman said. "They are not visually obvious, but that is the thread they have in common."

"Biblioscapes," the largest piece in her exhibition measuring eight feet by six feet, is "comprised entirely of scrapped and garbage material that people leave behind in library books," she said.

The garbage materials are objects such as notes, bookmarks or even gum wrappers,

she said.

Brauer plans to show five pieces in the exhibition; three of which are typographic portraits of Brauer's children.

The children's portraits are the ones he is most excited about, Brauer said. He "enjoys working with personal subject matter."

Brauer also said he is challenging the notion of business typography by "creating designs that also function as pieces of fine art."

Brauer said he hopes when people view his works "they will appreciate the intricacies of the typographic forms and not just see type as words, but instead as images."

The works will be on display until Feb. 4 in the main gallery. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Mader-Meersman, earned her bachelor's degree at NKU in graphic design and obtained her MFA in graphic design at the University of Washington.

Brauer graduated from The Art Academy of Cincinnati with a BFA in communication arts, and the University of Cincinnati, from its School of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning.

# northernlife

## Enthusiasts make a living by playing video games

By BOBBY WHITE  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The video game playing was getting out of hand. When Johnathan Wendel, then 19, was not in class or at work, he was in front of the computer. His mom didn't like it. Cut back or move out, she told him. Goodbye, Mom.

That was before the four world championship titles, the endorsement deals, the 35-city world tour, the house he bought for himself and the \$28,000 Cadillac he bought for his dad.

Wendel, aka "Fatal1ty" and now 23, is considered one of the world's best video gamers. For almost five years, he's made a living playing video games. He estimates he's earned \$300,000 in that time, eradicating other virtual fighters in spaceships and demon-infested monasteries.

Video gaming is no mere pastime for Wendel and many others who aspire to his lifestyle of limos and luxury hotels.

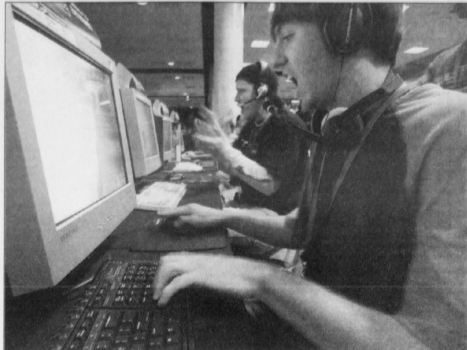
Wendel, who lives in Overland Park, Kan., is one of many gamers, predominantly young men, hooked on the adrenaline rush of competition.

A small number are like Wendel and have chosen to play video games as a career. They carry handles such as Bultseye and Rix.

Good luck recognizing them at the mall. But that's not the case at tournaments, where a guy like Wendel is an underground celebrity and where competitors seek autographs. They're also recognized by computer companies, whose product improvements aimed at gamers - better graphics, sound cards, processors - are also enjoyed by other consumers.

"It's really weird, because you visit all of these places, and people know who you are," Wendel said last month. "China, Sweden, Korea, Norway - and they've heard about me, never met me though."

Stephen Tadlock, 25, a legal assistant at an Arlington, Texas, law firm, and Nick Vosbargh, 20, a student at Tarrant County



KRT Campus

William Jones, from Tennessee, competes with his teammates from Team Super in a game called Counter-Strike during the Cyberathlete Extreme Winter Championship in Dallas, Texas, on Dec. 16, 2004.

College, knew what Texas tournament.

The two cousins have competed in tournaments, and they train fiercely, for about four hours during the week and eight on the weekends in a cramped bedroom at Tadlock's house.

Neither has come close to Wendel's acclaim or winnings. Wendel had a choice to make when his mom laid down the ultimatum. He hadn't made significant headway on the circuit.

He was a student at DeVry University in Kansas City, Mo., and working part-time at a private golf course.

He noticed the pots of cash offered in tournaments for games he played recreationally - Doom, Alien vs. Predator, Quake - and decided it was time to try his hand. But he knew he had to throw himself into it full-time.

Hello, Dad.

With a new place to live, Wendel - whose moniker goes back to his days of playing Mortal Kombat, which scrolls

"FATALITY" across the screen at the end of matches - placed third in his first pro tournament, winning \$4,000 and landing an all-expenses-paid trip to a competition in Sweden. He beat 12 of the world's best Quake III players, getting a \$30,000 sponsorship from a now-defunct maker of computer mice.

"So I'm sitting in my kitchen at home," Wendel said, "and I'm still going to school and everything, and I'm thinking, 'Man, like, if I really want to take advantage of this, I should probably quit school.'"

Uh, goodbye, school.

Major corporations - mostly tech outfits - put up most of the money in competitive gaming. Companies like Hitachi, Intel and processor manufacturer Nvidia coordinate their efforts with the Cyberathlete Professional League. Over seven years, the Dallas-based league has awarded about \$2.5 million in cash prizes at tournaments. It puts on about four major competitions a year.

The league, created by Angel

Munoz, a former investment banker, has been the chief architect of competitive gaming.

Munoz, 44, said he knew the circuit would grow, but early on, it was tough to find corporate support.

Recently, though, sponsors have noticed the league, and ESPN featured Wendel in May.

"Some of these companies are looking for new ways to reach this community," Munoz said.

Wendel partners with computer hardware manufacturers. Through those deals, he's able to travel worldwide without worrying about expenses.

He inked a deal with ABIT, a motherboard manufacturer, to endorse the world's fastest gaming motherboard - the main circuit board in a computer.

ABIT put Wendel on a 35-city world tour. Wendel said he will be home only 60 days in 2005.

"It's totally cool," Wendel said.

## Long-distance relationships can be a reality with a little effort

Knowing how to handle long-distance relationships can be rewarding to both people



Mike Brennan/Illustrator

Along with this, plan a visit and decide how often you'll visit each other.

### Express yourself in different ways

Communication is the key to any relationship, so when miles are put between a couple, it becomes even more important. There are several different ways to communicate.

The telephone is the quickest and easiest way to reach someone. Both parties should feel comfortable to call or write each other.

If you're looking for a cheaper alternative, e-mailing is a

great way to let someone know that you're thinking of him or her. Keep in mind, sometimes sending handwritten letters through the mail can mean much more than typing a few sentences. It may take longer, but the effect is much greater.

One of the best ways to let someone know you care is through a care package - especially for college students. It can start with a simple box; included can be a notebook to write back and forth and little things that will remind the other person of you. Candy and other cheap gifts are great to include as well.

### Enjoy your independence.

Although your three weeks spent together may have been wonderful, don't drop your life just to be with your partner.

Whether it is a new relationship or one that has been in the works for months or years, every person needs alone time.

Don't sit at home and wait for the phone to ring. Keep busy.

Become involved with something besides classes or work. Participate in an extra-curricular activity. Go to the gym or join a club.

### Keep the faith.

By doing these little things to show you care, you're demonstrating commitment to each other. This commitment isn't necessarily a long-term, serious relationship, but rather letting the other person know that you plan to be with only them.

Remember, distance can't hurt mutual respect, trust, commitment and love.

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# norsports

## Sports Scene



with Matt Steffen

## USC helps the BCS

There is no doubt that the USC Trojans were the National Champions this year. They dispelled any thoughts of sharing the National Championship with the Auburn Tigers with their 55-19 blowout they hung on the Oklahoma Sooners back on Jan. 4.

Auburn tried hard to plead their case in the post game interviews after the Sugar Bowl in which they defeated the Hokies of Virginia Tech 16-13.

Thought Coach Tommy Tuberville went out a limb when he stated after the Sugar Bowl that he would play USC or Oklahoma any day and would beat them.

He basically said that he thought Auburn should at least get a share of the National Championship, but he didn't.

The ESPN commentators on the pre-game show before the Sugar Bowl said Auburn was going to have to beat Virginia Tech by a wide margin to be co-National Championship.

I definitely agreed with them because Auburn played a soft schedule to start out the season and without a doubt played a factor in determining their schedule strength.

The weak opponents Auburn played earlier in the season included Louisiana-Monroe, the Citadel, and Louisiana Tech. The strength of schedule component is a fact that the Bowl Championship Series voters look at with a lot of consideration when they determine the BCS standings and I think Auburn's non-conference schedule was very weak.

These three opponents only scored a combined 10 points against the Auburn Tigers.

LSU was able to share the college football National Championship with Southern California last year but Auburn was unable to do so. With Nick Saban leaving as head coach of the LSU Tigers football team for the head coaching position of the NFL's Miami Dolphins this is sure to set off the college football coaches and carousel this off-season. I thought USC's Coach Pete Carroll did a good job when he made it be known that he has no interest in the coaching vacancy that recently opened with the San Francisco 49ers. Pete Carroll used to work for the 49ers as their defensive coordinator.

We all know how tough it is for colleges coaches to have success in the professional ranks, but for all I know Pete Carroll could announce tomorrow that he's going to be the next head coach of the 49ers. Carroll is one of those coaches who has enjoyed a lot of success in the college coaching ranks but hasn't had much success in the NFL.

Quarterback Matt Leinart, a huge Orange Bowl game with his record five touchdown passes and belated this NFL draft status if he chooses to declare for the NFL draft this April.

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# Norse men split games over break

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - Randy Holbrook scored 28 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and made a pair of key free throws late in overtime Jan. 8 as Southern Indiana posted an 87-82 win over Northern Kentucky University at the PAC Arena.

Southern Indiana (9-3 overall, 6-1 Great Lakes Valley Conference) used 7-for-10 shooting from the free-throw line in overtime to hold off NKU. Holbrook, a 6-foot-9 senior who scored five points in overtime, made two free throws with 11.7 seconds left to give the Screaming Eagles an 87-82 cushion.

Harrison Morton led NKU (6-7 overall, 3-5 GLVC) with 21 points on 9-for-11 shooting from the floor. Morton's basket tied the game at 81-81 with 1:46 left in overtime, but Richburg countered with a driving layup to give Southern Indiana an 83-81 lead.

Trailing 83-81 with less than a minute remaining, NKU had possession with a chance to tie or take the lead. NKU's Derek Smith attempted a three-point, but the shot was off target and rebounded by Thompson.

The Screaming Eagles then hit four free throws in the final 22 seconds to seal the victory. Mike Kelsey scored 20 points for the Norse, and Smith added 12.

NKU has not won a regular-season game in the PAC Arena since the 1994-95 season, when the Norse rallied for a 96-90 victory over Southern Indiana. NKU hosted UC-Clermont at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday. I Dave Bezold, Bobblehead Doll Night. The first 1,000 fans in attendance Tuesday night received a bobblehead doll of Bezold, who is in his first season as NKU head coach.

ST. LOUIS - Kevin Reinhardt stopped a prolific scorer in the second half Jan. 6, and, in doing so, the sophomore forward also helped halt Northern Kentucky

University's four-game losing streak. Reinhardt, a sophomore forward and a graduate of Campbell County High School, held Missouri-St. Louis forward Jonathan Griffin to just two points in the second half as NKU rallied for a 63-55 win over Missouri-St. Louis in the Mark Twain Building. Griffin, the high-scoring Missouri-St. Louis forward, scored 15 before halftime as the Rivermen built a 31-29 lead at the break.

In the second half, Reinhardt took over with his defense on Griffin. Reinhardt guarded Griffin the entire second half and held the junior forward to just one field goal on 1-of-7 shooting from the floor. Reinhardt also collected three blocked shots and four rebounds. Reinhardt also scored nine of his 10 points in the second half as NKU held on for the victory. The Norse jumped out to a 27-16 lead with 5:24 left in the first half, but Missouri-St. Louis (2-9, 1-6 Great Lakes Valley Conference) used a 14-0 to take a 36-27 advantage when Griffin drained a three-pointer.

"In the second half when they made a run, we responded," said NKU head coach Dave Bezold.

Kevin Schuppel scored 11 points as the Norse improved to 6-6 overall, 3-4 in the GLVC. NKU made 20 of its 24 attempts from the free-throw line in the second half and won despite shooting just 31.6 percent from the field during the final 20 minutes.

"As long as we keep stepping forward, we still have a lot of home basketball games remaining," said Bezold.

Entering Tuesday's contest against UC-Clermont, the Norse were 6-7 overall and 3-5 in GLVC conference play.

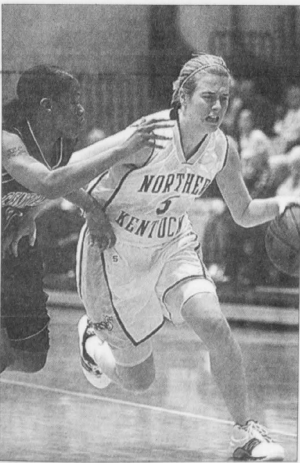
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Mike Kelsey scored 20 points in a losing effort for the Norse.

# Women's hoops sweep weekend matchups



Blue I Photographer

Sarah Woods scored a career high 16 points against USL.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - A balanced scoring attack keyed Northern Kentucky University's 81-55 win over Southern Indiana Jan. 8 at the PAC Arena.

Five players scored in double figures for NKU, which improved to 7-7 overall, 5-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Karyn Creager led the Norse with 17 points, and she also added seven rebounds.

Creager netted 11 points in the first half as NKU forged a 32-29 lead at the break. Sarah Woods scored nine of her career high 16 points before halftime for the Norse.

NKU shot 52.4 percent from the field in the second half to roll past Southern Indiana (10-4 overall, 3-4 GLVC). After Southern Indiana took a 35-34 lead early in the second half, NKU used a 16-2 run to build a 50-37 advantage with 13:25 left in the game.

Brittany Winner keyed the NKU split with six points, and the Norse controlled the remainder of the game. NKU has won seven of its last nine games after starting the season 0-5.

Karmen Graham hit a trio of three-point shots and finished with 12 points for NKU, while teammate Connie Myers had 11 points and 10 rebounds. Winner scored 10 points for the Norse, who won at the PAC

Arena for the first time since the 2002 NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional.

NKU used 34-for-43 shooting at the free-throw line to seal the victory. The Norse also held Southern Indiana to 35.6 percent shooting from the field.

NKU will play host to Bellarmine at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Regatta Hall. Earlier this season, Bellarmine rallied to defeat NKU, 77-66, at Louisville.

Bellarmine will enter Thursday's game with a 12-2 overall record. The Knights are 6-1 in the GLVC and tied with Quincy for first place in the league standings.

ST. LOUIS - Karmen Graham scored 13 of her 20 points in the second half as Northern Kentucky University posted a 67-57 win over Missouri-St. Louis Jan. 6 in the Mark Twain Building.

Connie Myers added 13 points and five rebounds as NKU improved to 6-7 overall, 4-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Norse shot 52.6 percent from the field in the second half and limited Missouri-St. Louis (2-9, 0-7 GLVC) to just 31.6 percent shooting for the game.

"We needed a big win to stay in the race for the GLVC," said NKU head coach Nancy Winnist.

NKU held a 23-20 halftime

lead despite shooting 28 percent from the field in the first half. Myers chipped in six of her 13 points in the first half.

With 13:15 left in the second half, Missouri-St. Louis cut the Norse lead to two points, 31-29, on a jumper by Leslie Ricker. NKU responded with an 11-0 run capped by a two-point basket by Karyn Creager to take the 42-29 lead.

The Rivermonsters cut the NKU lead to six points, 60-54, with 1:04 remaining in the contest. Graham scored six points in the final minute to put the game away for NKU.

I thought Graham did some really good things and stepped up for us tonight," Winnist said. "Creager finished with 12 points for NKU, which used 29-for-38 shooting from the free-throw line to seal the victory."

Brittany Winner added eight points and seven rebounds for NKU, which leads the all-time series with Missouri-St. Louis by a 13-2 margin. The Norse are now 8-1 in the Mark Twain Building.

The Lady Norse are 5-3 in GLVC Conference action and are currently in 4th place in Great Lakes Valley Conference standings.

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## hotseat



with John Raspe

**John Raspe:** What's the biggest difference between Elon and NKU?

**Brittany Winner:** The basketball program at NKU is much better than Elon. Also, I like being closer to home.

**JR:** Do you think that NKU could beat Elon if they played them?

**BW:** This year, NKU would win.

**JR:** Out of assistant coaches Matt Schmidt, Michelle Cottrell and Michelle Wolf, which one(s) do you think you could beat one-on-one?

**BW:** I hope I could beat Michelle Wolf, but she's cool. I could take the other two off the dribble, but I couldn't post up on them.

**JR:** What pre-game music do you listen to? I like a lot of different types of music.

**BW:** Before games, I like to listen to music that pumps me up. Right now, I like Green Day's new CD.

**JR:** Do you have any superstitions?

**BW:** I used to, but I don't have any anymore. I used to have a lucky sports bra, but not anymore.

**JR:** How many times do you think you'll foul out this year?

**BW:** None. I usually don't foul a lot.

**JR:** This year's team has four seniors and four sophomores. Who would win if the two classes played a four-on-four game?

**BW:** I'd say the sophomores could take them. I think we would have a better all-around attack.

**JR:** Which road trip coming up are you most looking forward to?

**BW:** I'm looking forward on going to Wisconsin-Parkside. This summer, I met one of the girls on the basketball team so I'm looking forward on seeing her again.

**JR:** What would you say was your best game this year?

**BW:** Probably the Northwestern game. I had no turnovers and I was proud of myself for that.

**JR:** Which men's player do you think you would have the best chance of beating one-on-one?

**BW:** I would say Adrian (Wilkinson) because he's tall and I'm quicker. Also, he's nice and would probably let me win.

**JR:** What would you say is your funniest moment on the court?

**BW:** It was at the end of practice. Coach set up a trick out of bounds play called "Buckets" where Karmen (Graham) had to fall on the ground and bark like a dog and it worked.

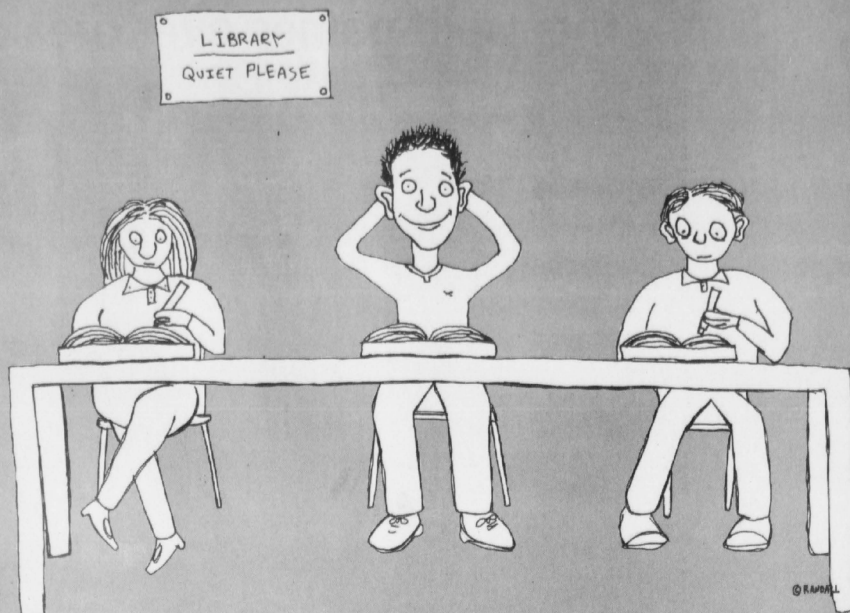


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Brittany Winner looks to dish on the court.

**JR:** Who was the toughest player you've ever had to guard?

**BW:** Alana Beard last year at Elon against Duke. It was quite the experience.



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